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- c) a plurality of flooring sections each extending transversely of the cables and resting on said cables, said flooring sections [being arranged] comprising elongated rectangular decking panels arranged in end-to-end relation transversely of the cables and in side-by-side relation longitudinally of the cables, each of said flooring sections having at least one opening therein; [and]
- d) means for releasably securing each of said flooring sections to said cables and comprising a plurality of connector assemblies, at least one for each of said flooring sections, each assembly having a part engaging the corresponding flooring section and a part extending through the opening in the flooring section for engaging the cable, each assembly being disconnectable so that each individual flooring section can be removed to allow access through the flooring; and
- e) said means for securing said cables to a bridge comprising a plurality of compression clamp assemblies, at least one assembly at each end of said plurality of cables, each assembly comprising a pair of ^{members} (assembly portions) for contacting opposite surfaces of a bridge structure and compression force applying means operatively associated with said (assembly portions) for forcing said assembly portions against opposite surfaces of a bridge structure.

2. (Amended) A [bridge] platform according to claim 1, wherein said means for securing said cables to [the] a bridge [secures] is for securing said cables to spaced-apart piers of [the] a bridge.

Please cancel claim 3 in view of the amendment to claim 1.

Please rewrite claim 4 in amended form as follows:

92 4. (Amended) A [bridge] platform according to claim 1, wherein said [flooring sections comprise] elongated rectangular decking panels are arranged in [end-to-end] overlapping relation transversely of the cables and in [side-to-side] overlapping relation longitudinally of the cables.

Claim 5, on line one delete "bridge" and change "4" to -- 1 --.

Please cancel claim 6.

Claim 7, on line one delete "bridge".

Please cancel claim 8.

Please rewrite claims 9 and 10 in amended form as follows:

93 9. (Amended) A [bridge] platform according to claim [7] 1, wherein some of said connector assemblies further include means for connection to one end of an auxiliary supporting cable, the other end of which is [~~secured~~] for securing to [the] a bridge to provide additional support for said platform.

10. (Amended) A [bridge] platform according to claim 1, further including tarpaulin enclosures for extending between said platform and [the] a bridge for defining a region between said platform and [the] a bridge which enhances containment of the debris.

Please cancel claims 11-14.

Please add new claims 15-20 as follows:

15. A platform for installation below a deck of a bridge and extending along a section of a bridge for supporting persons performing work on a bridge and for collecting debris resulting from the work, said platform comprising:

- a) a plurality of cables for extending along a bridge and in spaced relation to each other and in a plane substantially parallel to the plane of a bridge deck;
- b) means at each end of said cables for securing said cables to a bridge so that the plane of the cables is at a desired distance below the portion of a bridge upon which work is to be performed;
- c) a plurality of flooring sections each extending transversely of the cables and resting on said cables, said flooring sections being arranged in side-by-side relation longitudinally of the cables, said flooring sections comprising elongated rectangular panels arranged in end-to-end overlapping relation transversely of the cables and in side-to-side overlapping relation longitudinally of the cables; and
- d) said means for securing said cables to a bridge comprising a plurality of compression clamp assemblies, at least one assembly at each end of said plurality of cables, each assembly comprising first beam means for contacting a surface of a bridge structure, second beam means for contacting an opposite surface of said bridge structure and compression force applying means connected to said first and second beam means for forcing said first and second beam means against said surfaces of said bridge structure.

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16. A platform according to claim 15, wherein said flooring sections comprise corrugated elongated rectangular decking panels with the corrugations extending transversely of the cables.
17. A platform according to claim 15, wherein said means for securing said cables to a bridge is for securing said cables to spaced-apart piers of a bridge.
18. A platform according to claim 17, wherein said means for securing said cables to bridge piers comprises a pair of compression clamp structures, one for clamping on each of the piers, and said cables are connected at opposite ends thereof to said clamp structures.
19. A platform according to claim 18, wherein each of said compression clamp structures comprises a single beam for contacting two pedestals of a pier, a pair of beams for contacting corresponding ones of the pedestals and connecting rods for tightening said pair of beams and said single beam against the pedestals.
20. A platform for installation below the deck of a bridge and extending along a section of a bridge for supporting persons performing work on a bridge and for collecting debris resulting from the work, said platform comprising:
- a) a plurality of cables for extending along a bridge and in spaced relation to each other and in a plane substantially parallel to the plane of a bridge deck;
 - b) means at each end of said cables for securing said cables to a bridge at a location below a bridge deck so that the plane of the cables is at a desired distance below the portion of a bridge upon which work is to be performed; and

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- c) a plurality of flooring sections each extending transversely of the cables and resting on said cables, said flooring sections being arranged in side-by-side relation longitudinally of the cables, said flooring sections comprising corrugated elongated rectangular decking panels with the corrugations extending transversely of the cables, said corrugations maximizing strength-to-weight ratio of said platform and providing receptacles to facilitate collection and removal of debris.

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